

†Sri H. M. CHANNBASAPPA.—For the information of the Hon'ble Member, I would make it clear. The question of deciding which road should be taken and which road should not be taken up does not rest with any individual. Executive Engineers have been instructed that they should call for a meeting of the legislators and other important people, both Congress and non-Congress, and they take a decision as to what roads should be taken up and what roads should not be taken up. Therefore, the suggestion made by the Hon'ble Member that roads are taken up depending on the length of the road, etc., is not correct. Instructions have been issued that where certain roads can be taken up by the Village Panchayats and taluk boards, they must be tackled by them. Those roads which are beyond the capacity of the village panchayats and taluk boards, they should be taken up under the Rural Communication Programme. The next point raised is that roads have not been taken up in any single area or in any single district. Here it depends on the co-operation of the public. They must give free land. Secondly estimates and plans have got to be prepared. Thirdly, they must be sanctioned by competent authorities. During the course of execution, it is contended that in certain areas, many miles have been constructed and in certain areas, progress has not been sufficiently achieved. In order to see that all areas are equally served, an order has been issued that where roads less than fifty miles have been taken, it must be completed at least up to fifty miles... Where it has gone beyond fifty miles, the roads must be completed to a safe stage. Whatever the expenditure incurred must not be infructuous.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—Will the Government give an assurance that the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga, will be instructed to pay more attention to Afzalpur, Jewargi and Sedam, where little work has been done?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—There is no need for such instructions because instructions have already been issued to all the officers.

STARTING OF GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

*Q.—419. Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Chief Minister stated recently that no more Government High Schools will be started in the future;

(b) if so, whether it is the decided policy of the Government?

A.—Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes. The policy of Government in respect of Secondary Education is that opening of New High Schools will primarily be the responsibility of the public duly assisted by Grant-in aid from Government.

(b) Yes.